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SUBJ: MBFR: TIMING OF EASTERN RESPONSE TO WESTERN INITIATIVE

1. AFTER INFORMAL SESSION OF 39 MAY, SOVIET REP TARASOV
TOLD US REP THAT AT BILATERAL US/SOVIET LUNCH SCHEDULED
FOR JUNE 5, SOVIET REP MIGHT HAVE INTERESTING INFORMATION
FOR US REP. SOVIET REP SAID HE HAD FINISHED HIS WORK IN
MOSCOW, AND THAT WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO
SAY ON JUNE 5 NOW DEPENDED ON POSITIONS TAKEN BY OTHER
EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANT GOVERNMENTS.

2. IMPLICATION OF SOVIET REP'S REMARKS WAS THAT SOVIETS
HAVE REACHED DECISION ON RESPONSE TO WESTERN INITIATIVE AND
ALSO THAT UNLESS THE SOVIET UNION HAS DIFFICULTY COORDINATING
WITH THE OTHER EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANT GOVERNMENTS, THE
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EAST WOULD MAKE ITS RESPONSE TO THE WESTERN INITIATIVE SOON,
POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS THE JUNE 6 INFORMAL.

3. EASTERN RESPONSE MIGHT, OF COURSE, BE DELAYED IF
NATO MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE ADVANCES UK PROPOSAL FOR
MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND EASTERN GOVERNMENTS DELAY RESPONSE
TO INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE TIME TO FIRST AGREE ON ANSWER TO

UK PROPOSAL.

4. US REP WILL INFORM AD HOC GROUP OF ABOVE IN MAY 31
SESSION. RESOR

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